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Applicant : T. KIKUCHI et al
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 17, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Notice of Appeal was filed on April 17, 2008. A Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks / Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

A Request for Continued Examination and the appropriate fee accompany this paper.